

**Indiana Cast Metals Association**  
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**HB1002      WORKFORCE FUNDING AND PROGRAMS (HUSTON T)** Requires an annual workforce related program review by the legislative services agency. Requires information on workforce related programs as part of the biennial budget report that is submitted to the governor and budget committee for preparation of the governor's proposed budget bill. Establishes the next level jobs employer training grant program. Revises eligibility criteria for applicants for high value workforce ready credit-bearing grants. Provides that if the demand for high value workforce ready credit-bearing grants exceeds the appropriation, the commission for higher education shall prioritize applicants who are classified as independent. Transforms Ivy Tech Community College's regional boards of trustees to campus boards of trustees. Adds provisions concerning the appointment, number, and terms of trustees serving on the state board of trustees of Ivy Tech. Provides that an emancipated student or the parent of a student enrolled in a career or technical course may voluntarily release information, on a form prescribed by the department of education, pertaining to the student's enrollment in the career and technical education course to potential employers that contact the school to recruit students with particular career and technical skills. Requires the state board of education, when establishing an apprenticeship as a graduation pathway requirement, to establish as an apprenticeship only an apprenticeship program registered under the federal National Apprenticeship Act or another federal apprenticeship program administered by the United States Department of Labor. Specifies that an individual who is enrolled as a part-time postsecondary student, regardless of whether a part-time student is qualified to receive an adult student grant, may participate in the employment aid readiness network (EARN) Indiana program. Requires at least 25% of the money appropriated by the general assembly for adult education or the work Indiana program to be used: (1) to reimburse an eligible provider for adult education that is provided to individuals who need education in basic skills or necessary to receive a high school diploma or an Indiana high school equivalency diploma; or (2) for adult education grants to employers. Provides that an employer is eligible for an adult education grant equal to the lesser of \$500 or the employer's out-of-pocket expenditures for each eligible employee who obtains a high school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma through a program organized or funded by the employer. Specifies criteria for an individual to be an eligible employee of an employer that is eligible for an adult education grant. Requires educational institutions offering programs subject to approval by the Indiana state board of nursing to obtain approval from the board for proprietary education. Exempts those educational institutions from obtaining accreditation as postsecondary proprietary educational institutions from the department of workforce development. Provides that until July 1, 2021, certain individuals with a bachelor's degree may serve as a nursing faculty member in an associate degree nursing program without yet having obtained a master's degree. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services and the Indiana department of transportation to perform a coordinated study on leveraging money for transportation to workforce related programs. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the question of whether the state should submit a combined state plan instead of a unified state plan to the United States Department of Labor when the state submits a new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act plan. Makes conforming amendments.

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**HB1036 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE** (LEONARD D) Excludes worker's compensation and occupational diseases compensation payments from the definition of "wages" for unemployment insurance purposes. Establishes a flat fee of \$12 as the employer's collection fee for withholding amounts from an individual's income to repay unemployment insurance benefit overpayments. Allows an individual to request a review by the commissioner of the department of workforce development or the commissioner's designee of an adverse decision following an administrative hearing in which the individual contests the income withholding.

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3/12/2018 - Signed by the President of the Senate

**HB1233 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT MATTERS** (WOLKINS D) Provides that the term "onsite sewage system" applies to systems that treat sewage from municipalities or publicly owned treatment works. Strikes an incorrect statutory reference in the section defining that term. Amends the air pollution control law to add a reference to the law establishing the procedure for environmental rule making. Authorizes the use of certain regulated combustion facilities to dispose of drugs confiscated or collected as evidence by law enforcement agencies. Provides for the renewal of the certificate of a wastewater treatment plant operator, water treatment plant operator, or water distribution system operator after three years (instead of two years). Authorizes the environmental rules board to establish: (1) continuing education requirements; and (2) dates by which fees must be paid and proof of compliance with continuing education requirements must be submitted; as a condition of certificate renewal for wastewater treatment plant operators, water treatment plant operators, and water distribution system operators. Provides that, after a solid waste management district (SWMD) is dissolved, an employee of the SWMD who is also a member of the county executive, county legislative body, or county fiscal body: (1) may continue to hold the employee's elected office; (2) is neither required to resign nor considered to have resigned as a county employee; and (3) may not cast a vote on any matter concerning solid waste management as a member of the county executive, legislative body, or fiscal body. Repeals a section providing that a countywide regional water, sewage, or solid waste district established in response to an agreed order must have one appointed trustee who resides in the area that was the subject of the investigation resulting in the agreed order and one appointed trustee who is an elected official representing a political subdivision that has territory in the district. Makes it a Class B misdemeanor: (1) to make a false material statement or representation in a form, notice, or report required under an air pollution control permit or water pollution control permit; (2) to tamper with or falsify data from an air or water pollution monitoring device; or (3) to make a false material statement or representation in a label, manifest, record, report, or other document required under a hazardous waste permit. Makes it a Class B misdemeanor to transport regulated used oil without a manifest. Makes it a Class C misdemeanor to knowingly violate certain air pollution control rules, permit conditions, or fee or filing requirements. Makes it a Class A misdemeanor to willfully or negligently violate certain water pollution control rules, permit conditions, or fee or filing requirements. Defines "negligently." Provides for potential fines for environmental Class A misdemeanors and Class B misdemeanors in an amount exceeding the ordinary statutory limit on fines for Class A and Class B misdemeanors. Provides that certain violations of water pollution standards or limitations may be Class B or Class C misdemeanors. Provides that it is a felony for a person to knowingly commit any of certain offenses involving hazardous

waste, air pollution, or water pollution if the person knows that the person's act places another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury. Requires the state department of health to adopt rules concerning: (1) the disposal of sewage through the use of onsite sewage systems for municipalities and publicly owned treatment works; and (2) sewage disposal in agricultural labor camps through methods other than septic tank absorption fields. Provides, for purposes of the statute defining the offense of criminal trespass as knowingly or intentionally entering real property after having been denied entry, that a property owner may "deny entry" to property by placing purple marks on trees or posts around the property. Urges the legislative council to assign an interim committee to study research and outreach efforts to reduce non-point source impacts on water quality conducted through government supported programs and by universities.

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## **SB50**

### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (LONG**

**D)** Establishes the college and career funding review committee. Requires the review committee to study certain issues and to submit a report to the governor and the legislative council. Establishes the governor's workforce cabinet to develop, not later than July 1, 2018, a comprehensive career navigation and coaching system for Indiana. Requires high schools maintained by a school corporation, a charter school, or an accredited nonpublic school to participate in the career coaching program. Requires at least 25% of the money appropriated by the general assembly for adult education or the work Indiana program to be used: (1) to reimburse an eligible provider for adult education that is provided to eligible employees who need education in basic skills or that is necessary for an eligible employee to receive a high school diploma or an Indiana high school equivalency diploma; or (2) for adult education grants to employers. Specifies criteria that an individual must meet to be an eligible employee. Establishes the next level jobs employer training grant program and specifies criteria to receive a grant. Provides limits on the grant amount per employee and per employer. Requires the legislative services agency to conduct a review, analysis, and evaluation of the twenty-first century scholars program and the Frank O'Bannon grant program and submit a report to the governor and the legislative council. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the question of whether the state should submit a combined state plan instead of a unified state plan to the United States Department of Labor when the state submits a new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act plan.

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## **SB125**

### **REGISTRATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY EXCAVATION CONTRACTORS**

(MERRITT J) Provides that a contractor that will perform one or more excavations or demolitions in Indiana under a contract with: (1) a communications service provider; or (2) a utility; must include in an entity filing filed with the secretary of state a statement that the contractor and its employees will comply with Indiana's 811 statute. Provides that a contractor that is a filing entity under the Uniform Business Organizations Code (Code) shall provide documentation of the contractor's compliance with the registration

requirement to a communications service provider or a utility before entering into a contract with the communications service provider or the utility to perform excavations or demolitions in Indiana. Authorizes the utility regulatory commission (IURC) or its pipeline safety division to refer to the attorney general contractors that: (1) violate Indiana's 811 statute; and (2) are foreign entities not registered to do business in Indiana. Authorizes the attorney general to collect penalties of not more than \$10,000 for the registration violation, as provided for in the Code. Provides that at the request of the IURC or its pipeline safety division, and not more than once per year, unless for purposes of an investigation under Indiana's 811 statute, a communications service provider or utility shall provide a list of its contractors operating in Indiana. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on energy, utilities, and telecommunications.)

**Current Status:** 3/14/2018 - Signed by the President of the Senate

**Recent Status:** 3/6/2018 - Returned to the Senate without amendments  
3/5/2018 - added as cosponsor Representative Hatfield

## **SB290**

**WORKER'S COMPENSATION (FORD J)** Establishes a time frame for the payment of compensation under a settlement agreement, a permanent partial impairment agreement, and an award of compensation ordered by a single hearing member of the worker's compensation board (board). Provides that an employer that fails to make a timely payment is subject to a civil penalty. Requires an employer that has mobile or remote employees to convey information about worker's compensation coverage to the employer's employees in an electronic format or in the same manner as the employer conveys other employment related information. Allows the electronic filing of certain documents with the board. Provides that a permanently, totally disabled worker must reapply to the second injury fund for a wage replacement benefit every three years instead of every 150 weeks. Requires the reporting of workplace injuries needing medical attention beyond first aid instead of injuries causing an absence from work for more than one day. Provides that reporting requirements for workplace injuries are intended to be consistent with the recording requirements set out in the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration's regulations. Changes from \$50 per employee to \$100 per day the civil penalty for an employer's failure to provide proof of worker's compensation coverage. Revises the definition of employer to include corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and other entities that have common control and ownership. Makes conforming amendments for occupational diseases compensation. Establishes the assigned risk plan (plan) administered by the worker's compensation rating bureau (bureau). Provides that the plan may be substantially modified or eliminated only as the general assembly provides by statute. Removes the requirement for representation in the management of the bureau by stock companies and nonstock companies. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the task of studying increases to the benefit schedules for worker's compensation and occupational diseases compensation.

**Current Status:** 3/6/2018 - Senate concurred in House amendments; Roll Call 346: yeas 49, nays 0

**Recent Status:** 3/6/2018 - Senate concurred in House amendments;  
3/6/2018 - Senate Concurred with House Amendments  
Concurred (49-0)

## **SB297**

**EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS CURRICULUM (RAATZ J)** Provides that the department of workforce development will establish standards that provide students with career and college planning resources under the Indiana career explorer program and standards. (Current law provides that the department of workforce development will establish

curriculum under the Indiana career explorer program and curriculum.) Provides that, not later than July 1, 2019, each school within a school corporation shall include interdisciplinary employability skills standards established by the department of education (department), in conjunction with the department of workforce development and approved by the state board of education, in the school's curriculum. Provides that, if the department determines that the pilot program for instruction in and use of the Indiana career explorer program and standards should be extended, the department, in consultation with the department of workforce development, must increase the number of schools involved in the pilot program by at least 15 additional schools, if possible based on the interest from schools. Provides that the state board of education, in consultation with the department and the department of workforce development, may approve an alternative Internet based system and standards (Current law provides that the department, in consultation with the department of workforce development may approve alternative Internet based system and standards.) Establishes the work ethic certificate program (program). Requires the department of workforce development to administer the program.

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**Recent Status:** 3/12/2018 - Received by Governor

3/12/2018 - Signed by the President of the Senate

**SB362**      **REGULATION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS** (CHARBONNEAU E) Provides that a public utility, conservancy district, or regional water or sewage district that is organized as a legal entity after June 30, 2018, to provide water or wastewater service to the public is subject to the jurisdiction of the Indiana utility regulatory commission for the period of 10 years beginning on the day on which it is organized as a legal entity. Amends the laws concerning the wastewater revolving loan program and the drinking water revolving loan program to require a demonstration that each participant to which a loan would be made has the financial, managerial, technical, and legal capability of operating and maintaining its system and has developed or is in the process of developing an asset management program. Establishes new requirements for water treatment plants and wastewater treatment plants applying to the department of environmental management for the issuance or amendment of a permit, including a cost-benefit analysis, a capital asset management plan, and a cybersecurity program.

**Current Status:** 3/14/2018 - Signed by the President of the Senate

**Recent Status:** 3/7/2018 - Senate concurred in House amendments; Roll Call 363: yeas 46, nays 0

3/7/2018 - added as coauthor Senator Randolph

**SB411**      **DISTRESSED UTILITIES** (KOCH E) Amends a provision in the statute concerning the acquisition of distressed water or wastewater utilities to require that, upon filing a petition with the utility regulatory commission (IURC) to include the cost differentials of the transaction as part of the acquiring utility company's rate base, the acquiring utility company must provide notice to its customers that the petition has been filed. (Current law requires the acquiring utility company to provide notice to its customers if the proposed acquisition will increase the utility company's rates by an amount that is greater than 1% of the utility company's base annual revenue.) Amends a provision in the statute concerning the sale or disposition of nonsurplus municipally owned utility property to provide that in determining whether the sale or disposition according to the parties' proposed terms and conditions is in the public interest, the IURC shall accept as reasonable the valuation of the property as determined through an appraisal and review made under the procedures set forth in the statute.

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